



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN REPAIRS AND RESTORATION ACTIVITIES IN FORT LAUDERDALE December 31, 6:00 p.m.

Following is an update on sewer main repairs and restoration work on NE 36 Street east of Bayview Drive in Coral Ridge Country Club Estates, NE 5 Street in Victoria Park, the areas in and around Virginia Young Park and Hector Park in Rio Vista, and the Himmarshee Canal in Beverly Heights.

NE 36 Street East of Bayview Drive in Coral Ridge Country Club Estates

-Repairs to the damaged section of 12-inch pipe on NE 36 Street are expected to be completed later this evening.

-Public Works staff is putting plans in place to replace the entire length of the 12-inch pipe which runs along NE 36 Street from Bayview Drive east to the end of the cul-de-sac.

NE 5 Street and NE 16 Avenue in Victoria Park

-Crews have completed installing a new section of pipe on NE 5 Street to replace the damaged portion. The line is expected to be back in service this evening.

-Crews from Cliff Berry, Inc. (CBI) will be on site tomorrow conducting cleaning and pressure washing activities in the affected area.

-Next week, crews will begin replacing the entire length of this 16-inch pipe, which runs primarily along NE 5 Street, starting at 625 NE 19 Avenue and ending at 1011 NE 5 Street.

-In preparation for the upcoming pipe replacement, crews installed a new valve on NE 11 Avenue.

Operations in Rio Vista Neighborhood (Virginia Young Park and Hector Park Areas)

-Crews from Cliff Berry, Inc. (CBI) conducted cleanup, pressure washing, and deodorizing activities where needed in areas around Virginia Young Park and Hector Park.

-Virginia Young Park and Hector Park remain closed to the public while restoration and remediation work continues.

-Water barricades have been placed around the bypass pipe on NE 9 Avenue as an added measure of safety and protection.

-Work continues on demobilization of equipment and site restoration.

Operations in the Himmarshee Canal

-Aerators continued to operate in the Himmarshee Canal to help improve water quality.

-The Himmarshee Canal from S. Federal Highway to the New River remains under a precautionary advisory for recreational water-related activities. Swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, canoeing, or engaging in any water-related activities within the precautionary advisory area should be avoided.

-To view a map of the precautionary advisory area, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

Environmental Activities

- Crews from GHD, an environmental services company, conducted additional air quality testing in the Rio Vista neighborhood.
- Water sampling continues to be conducted daily in the Tarpon River, New River, and Himmarshee Canal. Results of water sampling conducted at 18 locations on December 30 showed 10 of the 18 samples with passing results. The eight sampling points that did not pass are located at: (1) Andrews Avenue Bridge – East Side; (2) 1124 South Rio Vista Boulevard; (3) Intersection of Ponce de Leon Drive and NE 9 Street; (4) NW 18 Avenue and NW 2 Street; (5) 1111 Ponce de Leon Drive; (6) SE 2 Street and SE 9 Avenue (Himmarshee Canal - Point of Entry); (7) SE 2 Street and SE 10 Avenue (Himmarshee Canal - Upstream); and (8) SE 2 Street and SE 8 Avenue (Himmarshee Canal – Downstream). To view a map of the water sampling locations and complete test results, visit <http://bit.ly/2SHNN5V>.
- Aerators will continue to be repositioned to locations in the Tarpon River, New River, and Himmarshee Canal that are not producing passing water quality results.
- Skimming and debris removal will continue where needed on the waterways and canals in the affected areas.

Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities

- A precautionary advisory for recreational activities in local waterways remains in effect.
- The boundaries are Broward Boulevard to the north, Poinciana Drive to the east, SE 15 Street to the south, and SW 18 Avenue to the west. Water-related activities including swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, and canoeing should be avoided within these boundaries.
- To view a map of the precautionary advisory for water-related recreational activities, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

Road Closures in Rio Vista

- Roads in the immediate vicinity of Virginia Young Park remain closed including portions of SE 10 Street and South Rio Vista Boulevard east of SE 9 Avenue, as well as SE 9 Avenue from south of the intersection at SE 8 Street to Ponce de Leon Drive.
- There is no access east of SE 9 Avenue at the intersections of SE 9 Street, SE 10 Street, South Rio Vista Boulevard, and the north side of Ponce de Leon Drive.
- To view a map of the road closures, please visit <http://bit.ly/34W91Q6>.

Safety Tips

- Neighbors in the affected areas are reminded to avoid contact with any standing water.
- If contact is made, please remember to follow proper hygiene procedures. Wash your hands with soap and warm water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after contact with wastewater, especially before preparing or eating food.
- Be sure to keep all children and pets away from any area affected by the wastewater spill that has not been remediated.
- Keep a container or spray bottle outside residential entryways with a 90/10 solution (90% water to 10% household bleach) to clean shoes and other items that may have come into contact with wastewater.
- To view a safety tips flyer, please visit <http://bit.ly/2sUvr73>.

For More Information

Neighbors are encouraged to stay up to date by visiting the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov or following the City on social media at:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CityofFortLauderdale/>

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Nextdoor - <https://www.nextdoor.com>

Neighbors may also call the City's 24-hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

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